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## **HUNCH BET HOWLING TIMES WINS \$200,000 STREET SENSE ON HALLOWEEN**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021)** – **Howling Time**, the cleverly-named 2-year-old out of the mare **Werewolf**, was a popular hunch bet on Halloween at Churchill Downs as the 9-5 favorite rolled home to a 3 ¼-length win over **Red Danger** in Sunday's ninth running of the \$200,000 Street Sense – the featuring event on opening day of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Fall Meet and 17<sup>th</sup> annual Stars of Tomorrow I program for juveniles.

**Joe Talamo** rode the winner for trainer **Dale Romans** and owner **Dennis Albaugh's Albaugh Family Stables LLC** as the Kentucky-bred son of Not This Time clocked 1 1/16 miles over a fast track in 1:44.68.

"It's pretty fitting a horse with a Halloween theme wins today," Romans said via phone from Southern California. "I'm just glad it was ours. He won impressively in his debut last month. He's shown us in his training and his pedigree that he should like stretching out in distance. So, winning at six furlongs on debut was very impressive. Then, to come back and do that today showed how talented he is."

Breaking from post No. 5 in the field of seven 2-year-olds, **Howling Time** was rated in fourth down the backstretch in the clear just behind pacesetter **Sport Pepper**, who clocked early quarter-mile fractions of :24.65, :49.31 and 1:14.32. **Red Danger** raced in second and **Skippylongstocking** was third down on the inside.

Leaving the final turn, **Howling Time** ranged into contention from the outside and drew even with **Red Danger**, who took over from the fading **Sport Pepper**. The two battled gamely together down the stretch but **Howling Time** relished the extra distance and drew clear for the victory inside the final furlong.

"Turning for home I could feel I had a lot of horse underneath me," Talamo said. "Around the turn, I smooched at him and he just took off. It's always special to win for these connections. This horse was very impressive today and really ran well around two turns for the first time."

**Howling Time**, who earned \$121,140 for the win and improved his record to 2-2-0-0—\$190,600, paid \$5.80, \$4 and \$2.80. **Red Danger**, ridden by **Julien Leparoux**, returned \$5.40 and \$3.40. **Red Knobs**, another Romans trainee with **James Graham** up, was another four lengths back in third and paid \$2.80.

**Skippylongstocking**, **Guntown**, **Sport Pepper** and **Luni Sima** completed the order of finish. **Kiss the Sky** and **Lucky Boss** were scratched.

**Howling Time** is perfect in two starts. He won by 1 ½ lengths in his six-furlong debut on Sept. 25 at Churchill Downs.

A start in the \$400,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (Grade II) over the same 1 1/16-mile distance at Churchill Downs on Nov. 27 miles could be next. The Kentucky Jockey Club is part of the "Road to the Kentucky Derby" point series that will determine the field of 20 horses that will compete in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) at Churchill Downs on Saturday, May 7.

Purchased for \$200,000 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, **Howling Time** was bred by **Springhouse Farm**.

"This horse was a later purchase at Keeneland last year," said **Jason Loutsch**, racing manager for his father-in-law, Albaugh. We have to give the credit to Dale because he was in the back ring at the time and called us to say we had to have this colt. We knew what he did on his debut was impressive because Dale doesn't necessarily have them cranked all the way to win first out. Then, he worked well out of it and was really impressive today going two turns for the first time."

The Street Sense is named in honor of 2007 Kentucky Derby winner **Street Sense** who became the first horse to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) as a 2-year-old and the Run for the Roses at age 3. He also was the first Champion Two-Year-Old Colt to win the Kentucky Derby since **Spectacular Bid** who won the Kentucky Derby in 1979. Trainer **Carl Nafzger** was on hand to present the winning trophy Sunday.

Each of Sunday's races was for 2-year-olds. Inaugurated in 2005, Churchill Downs' "Stars of Tomorrow" programs have helped launched the careers of numerous graded stakes winners, including more than 50 future Grade I winners led by Horse of the Year champions **Gun Runner** (2017) and **Rachel Alexandra** (2009), Kentucky Derby winner **Super Saver** (2010), Kentucky Oaks winners **Rachel Alexandra** (2009), **Believe You Can** (2012) and **Monomoy Girl** (2018), Preakness winners **Shackleford** (2011), **War of Will** (2019) and **Swiss Skydiver** (2020), Belmont winner **Creator** (2016) as well as 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic and 2013 Stephen Foster hero **Fort Larned** and 2013 champion 3-year-old **Will Take Charge**.

## SANDSTONE RUNS AWAY IN RAGS TO RICHES TO WIN BY 10 ¾ LENGTHS

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021)** – Susan Moulton's **Sandstone** dictated the pace, turned back a challenge from 3-5 favorite **Yuugiri** at the top of the stretch and drew away inside the final furlong to comfortably win Sunday's ninth running of the \$197,500 Rags to Riches for 2-year-old fillies by a stakes-record 10 ¾ lengths on Sunday at Churchill Downs – opening day of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Fall Meet and co-feature on the 17<sup>th</sup> Stars of Tomorrow I program for 2-year-olds.

Ridden by **Brian Hernandez** – one of four winners on the day – and trained by **Kenny McPeck**, Sandstone ran 1 1/16 miles in a stakes record 1:44.18 while making her two-turn debut. (Note: there have only been two 1 1/16 miles runnings of the Rags to Riches). Previously she broke her maiden by nine lengths while running one mile over a sloppy main track at Churchill Downs in her second career start on Oct. 3. Her debut on May 28 at 5 ½ furlongs resulted in a fifth-place finish.

Sandstone led the compact field, which was reduced to four following the scratch of **Dressed**, through early fractions of :24.51, :48.55 and 1:13.11 with Yuugiri no more than a length off her right hip. **Manasota Sunset** was a couple lengths back in third and **Mama Rina** raced far back. Yuugiri, a 7 ¼-length debut winner at Churchill Downs on Sept. 17, drew even with Sandstone leaving the far turn but the winner responded to that challenge at the three-sixteenths pole and displayed an impressive turn of foot along the rail with overwhelming authority under mild urging from Hernandez.

"I saw going into the race that my filly could go to the lead if she needed to," Hernandez said. "When I saw no one making an early move I was confident she'd run a good effort from there."

Sandstone, the 5-2 second betting choice, paid \$7.40, \$3 and \$2.10. Yuugiri, ridden by **Tyler Gaffalione**, returned \$2.20 and \$2.10. Mama Rina was another 15 ¼ lengths back in third under **Corey Lanerie** and paid \$2.10 with Manasota Sunset and jockey **Ricardo Santana Jr.** another 5 ¾ lengths behind in fourth.

Sunday's payday was worth \$127,500 and Sandstone improved her record to 3-2-0-0—\$199,960.

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By 2011 Preakness (GI) and 2012 Clark winner **Shackleford**, Sandstone is out of the 22-year-old unraced Seattle Slew mare Seattle Shimmer. The dark bay or brown filly was bred in Kentucky by **Mark Stansell** and **Cindy Stansell**.

Sunday's race is named in honor of **Derrick Smith** and **Michael Tabor's** 2007 Kentucky Oaks (GI) winner. Four years ago, **Michael Dubb** and **Monomoy Stables' Monomoy Girl** cruised to a 6 ½-length score in the Rags to Riches prior to her triumph in the 2018 Kentucky Oaks.

The Rags to Riches serves as the local prep race to the \$400,000 Golden Rod (GII) on Saturday, Nov. 27 which will award top four points on a scale of 10-4-2-1 for the Road to the Kentucky Oaks.

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